

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, April 11, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer
Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico
Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

PRESENTATIONS – the Public Works 2018 Annual Report was presented by Nate Kissell, Director.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT – Greg Lascoli of 4600 4^h Avenue purchased lots on 39th Street and Walnut Avenue and then found out a septic tank is not allowed. Interim City Manager Peter Marshall stated he will work with DPW Director Nate Kissell

Dr. Matthew Stachmus of 908 27th Avenue asked to have decals placed on City vehicles with the motto “In God We Trust” which he will pay for

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, March 13, 2019. (0017-19)

b)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Worksession held Monday, March 25, 2019. (0018-19)

c)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2019-2020 – Package A, B & C to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$158,975.50, payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0019-19)

d)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2019-2020 – Package D to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company, P.O. Box 241, Woodland, PA 16881, in the amount of \$33,500.00 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and

further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0020-19)

e)awarding the Road Materials Bid for 2019-2020 – Package F to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., 220 Park Road, Winfield, PA 17889, in the amount of \$3,549.00 payable from the General Fund and Highway Aid, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0021-19)

f)rejecting the Road Materials Bids for 2019-2020 – Package E and returning the bid security. (0022-19)

g)awarding Street Signs and Materials for 2019-2020 to Chemung Supply Corp. of P.O. Box 527, Elmira, NY 14902 for Item No. 1 – Telespars & Pilots, and Item No. 2 – Bolts & Hardware in the amount of \$14,527.50 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0023-19)

h)awarding Street Signs and Materials for 2019-2020 to Garden State Highway Products, Inc. of 301 Riverside Drive, Millville, NJ 08332, for Item No. 3 – Die-Cut Letters & Numbers and Item No. 9 – Flash Warning Signs in the amount of \$19,848.00 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0024-19)

i)awarding Street Signs and Materials for 2019-2020 to Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC of P.O. Box 29, Frankfort, OH 45628, for Item No. 4 – Street Name Signs, Item No. 5 – Pre-Made Signs, Item No. 6 – Reflective Tape, Item No. 7 – Reflective Post Panels and Item No. 8 – In-Street Crosswalk Signs, in the amount of \$27,423.85 payable from the Highway Aid Fund Account and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0025-19)

j)awarding the 2019 Capital Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. of P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$1,799,943.82 payable from the Capital Budget and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0026-19)

k)awarding the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Reconstruction Project to Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. of P.O. Box 488, 157 Grannas Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, in the amount of \$330,005.68, payable from CDBG Funds and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0027-19)

l)amending the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program transferring \$52,756.40 from the discontinued 2017 Neighborhood Police Patrol Program and \$4,184.25 from the discontinued 2017 Safe Housing/Healthy Living Program to create the 2017 Altoona Parking Authority Elevator Installation Project. (0028-19)

m)amending the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program transferring \$38,369.35 from the 2018 Blighted Property Program to the 2018 Altoona Parking Authority Elevator Installation Project. (0029-19)

n)awarding the 2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Plan Contract for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments to Urban Design Ventures of 212 East Seventh Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120, in the amount of \$41,500.00, payable from Community Development Block Grant Funds. (0030-19)

o)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$200.00 submitted by Robert Gattrell of 1104 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA, for property located at 1106 16th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0031-19)

p)approving a Repository Bid in the amount of \$500.00 submitted by Christopher Weidley of 107 Stirrup Circle, Duncansville, PA, for property located at 1100-1110 15th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Taxing District Form. (0032-19)

q)authorizing a transfer from the Goodman Trust Fund to the following organizations in the following amounts for the recreation projects attached hereto. (tabled)

Prior to voting item q was tabled; City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; a consent vote was taken on all resolutions which included items a-o excluding item p which was pulled for a separate vote at the request of Councilman Butterbaugh; the consent vote passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent; a vote was taken on item p and passed 5-0; Councilman Butterbaugh abstained as he prepared the plan for the property; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

ORDINANCES – Introduction

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA CHAPTER 347 ENTITLED "FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS" ACKNOWLEDGING THE ADOPTION BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIREWORKS LAW, ACT 43 OF 2017, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE FIREWORKS LAW PROHIBITS THE IGNITING OR DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE OWNER, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF ALTOONA DOES NOT GRANT PERMISSION FOR ANYONE TO IGNITE OR DISCHARGE CONSUMER FIREWORKS ON THE STREETS OR SIDEWALKS OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA OR PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF ALTOONA INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL OF THE CITY OWNED PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M.; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA LAW.

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and introduced by Mayor Pacifico

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Kelley stated a number of ideas were presented for future worksessions and Council should not lose sight of what has been presented and prioritize and work on the items before the end of the year

Councilman Cagle stated he is replacing a roof on his home and needed a building permit; he appreciated the fillable form on the website and it took 5 minutes to complete and print and a few minutes to pay at City Hall; Councilman Cagle stated it isn't difficult to get a permit in the City of Altoona and he thanked and commended Meghan and Victor and City staff for their help

Vice-Mayor Cacciotti welcomed Peter Marshall as Interim City Manager

Councilman Butterbaugh stated he and Mayor Pacifico had the opportunity to attend the Blair Chamber Public Policy Committee Meeting to discuss intermunicipal cooperation and what the municipalities can do moving forward; Councilman Butterbaugh stated they discussed multi modal transportation between Convention Center Boulevard and Greenwood; there is no way to legally or safely walk that now; a long term project that would allow walking or biking safely along the Boulevard or Plank Road would be something that needs to come to the planning stages and to fruition; driving from Convention Center Boulevard requires crossing municipal boundaries approximately 13 times and this will require cooperation and planning; in the winter all you can do is walk down the median of a very busy area of road

Councilman Kelley stated there was a PennDOT study that looked at crossings along there; it is a long-term project that enhances the neighborhoods but there is a long way to go

Lee Slusser, Community Development Director stated he recently attended a meeting with PennDOT, and Logan Township was also present, regarding the project they are doing to re-pave Plank Road and Pleasant Valley Boulevard; the

City is currently implementing the Plank Road Pedestrian Access Study in terms of requiring sidewalks and now PennDOT will add some of the crosswalks that were specifically proposed by the study and a few that were not including Logan Boulevard at Plank Road

Mayor Pacifico stated this is a big undertaking and PennDOT connects will have to be used at some point

Councilman Butterbaugh stated PennDOT District 9 and the City work well together fortunately

Councilman Butterbaugh stated he attended the CDBG & HOME funding meeting earlier this evening and the City will get \$1.8 million and it will be finalized by end of April; they will take on 16 projects with 9 new designations and a lot goes to blight elimination and home repair.

Councilman Butterbaugh stated he walked through the neighborhood along 6th Avenue and 25th Street and see the progress made on the Silk Mill project and the Greystone; Councilman Butterbaugh requested the City get in touch with Norfolk Southern regarding the wall and the weeds and clean up of that area

Mayor Pacifico announced Saturday, April 27th is the 3rd Annual Celebrate Altoona Night at the Altoona Curve

Mayor Pacifico announced that he traveled to Harrisburg to the Governor's Mansion earlier in the day to receive the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence and he was honored to be nominated and to receive the award

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:35 p.m.